

CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES
September 28, 1949

A special joint meeting of Central Board and Publications Board together with President McCain was called by John Holding.

The topic for discussion was the Kaimin issue of this date which included a statement by President McCain on the allocation of funds to the University as proposed by the Board of Examiners, a strong editorial on the subject, and a front page cartoon depicting three rats chipping away at the \$1,9000,000 University appropriation.

President McCain said there were three issues involved:

- 1/ Court action on the allocation is pending October 3rd and any effort to influence the court in the meantime may be held in contempt.
- 2/ There may be grounds for libel in the editorial.
- 3/ Does the presentation of the issue help or hurt the cause?

The Kaimin editor (Bill Smurr) agreed to rewrite parts of the editorial and to take out President McCain's statement; however, he refused to alter or omit the cartoon. President McCain said the three rats imply the three members of the Board of Examiners and he felt that publication of the cartoon would be injudicious and detrimental to the University in view of the fact that Governor Bonner, a member of the Board of Examiners, has been so solidly behind the University. The Kaimin editor said that the number of rats in the cartoon was a coincidence and that Governor Bonner's name was cleared in the editorial.

Since there would be no change in the cartoon, Holding said the question was whether it would be in the best interests of the students and the University to let the paper go to press, or to stop it.

President McCain said that regardless of the action taken by Central Board or Publications Board he would take no arbitrary action concerning the cartoon.

After considerable discussion Freeman moved that the secretary be directed to send a written order to the Kaimin editor to delete or omit the cartoon appearing on the front page of the Wednesday, September 28, 1949 issue of the Kaimin. Fox seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Secretary

Bergh, Badgley, Tulle, VanDuser, Dugan, Leaphart, Luebben, Mudd, Fox, Freeman, Anderson (Bob), Holding, Wunderlich, McCain, Briggs, Moore, Wohlgenant, Hennessy, Hunter, O'Neil, Rutledge.

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Bill Smurr, Kaimin Editor
Montana State University
Missoula, Montana

Dear Bill:

As secretary of A.S.M.S.U. I have been directed to send you a copy of the following motion, unanimously passed at a joint meeting of Central Board and Publications Board on this date.

"Freeman moved that the secretary be directed to send written order to the editor of the Kaimin to delete or omit the cartoon appearing on the front page of the Wednesday, September 29, 1949 issue of the Kaimin. Fox seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously."

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